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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 10/589,123 :  
FILED: AUGUST 11, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1621  
FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING :  
ALPHA-HYDROXYCARBOXYLIC  
ACIDS AND THE ESTERS THEREOF

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 3, 2008, please amend the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.